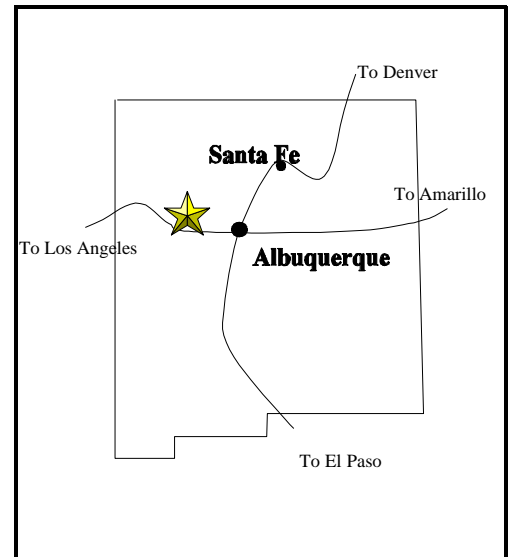


Zia Pueblo

Solid Waste Program



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History: Archeological findings credit the People of Zia as being direct descendants of Chaco Canyon, an Anasazi civilization. In Espejo's diary accounts of his 1582 expedition to New Mexico, Zia's population was estimated at slightly over 7,000. By 1890 Zia faced imminent demise when the population dropped to only 96 individuals. Since that time the population has continued to grow at a tremendous rate, with the population now numbering over 700 residents. Zia retains a strong commitment to traditional ways, including a religious system that has made gardening by a large population in very arid land a success. The government is now run by three groups following the imposition of secular rule by the Spanish in 1620. These include a secular council, a secular hired staff, and a traditional religious council.